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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 34-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 34-45 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on August 4th, 2006 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 34-45 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 34-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Helferich (U.S. PG Pub No. 2005/0176451 A1) in view of Wu (U.S. PG Pub No. 2001/0007993).

5. As per claim 34, Helferich teach a method of transmitting information which contains a request for specified services on an e-mail system comprising: connecting a sending computer to

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a communication network; submitting the information from the sending computer to the communication network; inputting the information onto a website server; transmitting, by the website server, the information to a mail center, receiving the information at the mail center; storing the information by the mail center; and sending an alert message to a receiving computer indicating that the information has been received (*see figs 1, 2a-2c, paragraphs 0003, 0013, 0014, 0016, 0035, 0050, 0100, 0104*). Helferich fail to teach a method wherein the information remains available at the mail center following receipt of the requested specified service(s) notwithstanding possible deletion of the information from the at least one of the sending and receiving computers. However, Wu teaches a method wherein the information remains available at the mail center following receipt of the requested specified service(s) notwithstanding possible deletion of the information from the at least one of the sending and receiving computers (*see paragraphs 0016, 0039-0041*). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Helferich's invention to include Wu's method wherein the information remains available at the mail center following receipt of the requested specified service(s) notwithstanding possible deletion of the information from the at least one of the sending and receiving computers because this would have provided an automatically detection and consolidating storage of common e-mail attachment files received in an e-mail communications server

6. As per claim 35, Helferich teach a method further comprising inputting the information into a software program on the website server that interprets the information (*see figs 1*).

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7. As per claim 36, Helferich teach a method further comprising storing the record on a data storage system (*see figs 1*).

8. As per claim 37, Helferich teach a method further comprising utilizing a Uniform Resource Locator in the alert message to point the receiving computer to the mail center to access the information.

9. As per claim 38, Helferich teach a method further comprising retrieving the information by utilizing the Uniform Resource Locator (*see figs 1*).

10. As per claim 39, Helferich teach a method wherein the information includes an authentication database (*see figs 1, 2a-2c, paragraphs 0003, 0013, 0014, 0016, 0035, 0050, 0100, 0104*).

11. As per claim 40, Helferich teach a method comprising confirming by the mail center that receiving computer has received the information (*see figs 1, 2a-2c, paragraphs 0003, 0013, 0014, 0016, 0035, 0050, 0100, 0104*).

12. As per claim 41, Helferich teach a method for transmitting information that contains a request for specified services from an e-mail service comprising composing information on a sending computer, sending the information to a software program on the sending computer,; processing the information at the mail center, and sending the information from the mail center

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to a receiving computer (*see figs 1, 2a-2c, paragraphs 0003, 0013, 0014, 0016, 0035, 0050, 0100, 0104*). Helferich fail to teach a method including includes an authentication database for comparing the authentication database with a database on the sending computer; sending the information from the sending computer to a mail center for authentication. However, Wu teaches method including an authentication database for comparing the authentication database with a database on the sending computer; sending the information from the sending computer to a mail center for authentication (*see paragraphs 0016, 0039-0041*). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Helfrich invention to include Wu's method which includes an authentication database for comparing the authentication database with a database on the sending computer; sending the information from the sending computer to a mail center for authentication because this would have provided an method for allowing access user with permission to the system

13. As per claim 42, Helferich teach a method further comprising authenticating the receiving computer (*see figs 1*).

14. As per claim 43, Helferich teach a method further comprising retrieving the message from the software program (*see figs 1*).

15. As per claim 44, Helferich teach a method further comprising utilizing the mail center to authenticate the receiving computer (*see figs 1*).

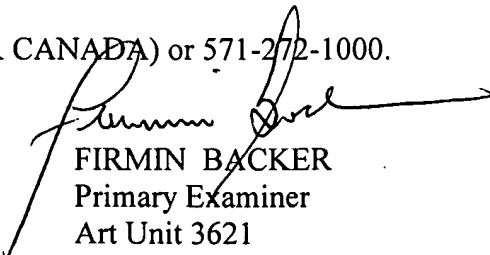
16. As per claim 45, Helferich teach a method further comprising confirming by the mail center that receiving computer has received the information (*see figs 1, 2a-2c, paragraphs 0003, 0013, 0014, 0016, 0035, 0050, 0100, 0104*).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FIRMIN BACKER whose telephone number is 571-272-6703. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew J. Fischer can be reached on (571) 272-6779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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